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**Southern Wiltshire Area Grant Report**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Southern Wiltshire Area Board.  
These could include:
  - community area grants
  - youth grants
  - older and vulnerable people grants
  - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

**Area Board Current Financial Position**

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2024/25	£ 22,642.00	£ 19,321.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 17,084.99	£ 6,500.00	£ 4,615.00
Current Balance	£ 5,557.01	£ 12,821.00	£ 3,085.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 5,557.01	£ 11,373.10	£ 835.00

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG2015</a>	Area Board Initiative	Southern Wiltshire Area Board	Allington Silent Disco	£500.00	£500.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> <b>Silent Disco's are one way in which older people can be encouraged to get active and socialise in a fun enjoyable setting. Partners, supported by Pound Arts, Corsham have formed a small organisation to deliver silent discos in the county. The trustees of the new Brunton Memorial Hall who would like to host a Silent Disco. The disco's involve older people being supported to come and dance, or to sit and sing, toe-tap and simply enjoy time together with mocktails and friendship. The head-sets can play a range of appropriate music and attendees could be listening - none-the-wiser - to a totally different piece of music to the person dancing next to them. Dancing, listening to music and sharing a space in this fun way can definitely lift the spirits for a moment.</b>					
<a href="#">ABG1999</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Old Sarum and Longhedge CIO	Helping vulnerable and at risk people through the Winter at Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Pantry	£2500.00	£1250.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  We are fundraising to purchase electric blankets, heated blankets, fleece blankets and hot water bottles to give to our members at the Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Pantry to help in the colder months of 2024 and 2025. Especially as the Chancellor has removed the Winter Fuel payments. We know that a number of residents struggle with paying their bills and we already have practical support in the form of Acorn Bank and Community Money Advice and for help with energy National Energy action. We also work as a warm space and chatty cafe. We hope that by offering this service alongside everything else we provide including subsidised food that it will ease the cost of living crisis for people in our community.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG2019</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	silver salisbury group	Laverstock and Old Sarum Intergenerational Reminiscence Project	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  This project will recruit a group of older people for a facilitated reminiscence session in preparation for meeting with a group of primary school children from either Old Sarum or Laverstock primary schools. The children will also have a professionally facilitated preparation session to prepare lots of questions to ask the older people. The combined session for older people and children together will give opportunities to discuss their shared experiences and topics. The project will culminate in a celebration of their shared work and experiences.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1892</a>	Youth Grant	Apprenticeships in Salisbury trading under Supplytrain CIC	Salisbury 2025 Apprenticeships and Early Careers Directory	£2900.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  An Early Careers Directory for the Salisbury area which will showcase local employment opportunities for young people starting out in their careers including Apprenticeships, Graduate Trainee Schemes, work experience placements and volunteering opportunities. It will be published on-line and a print copy distributed to all sixth form students in the city. With your support, this will in future, become a self-funding annual publication.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1929</a>	Youth Grant	Old Sarum Youth Club	Old Sarum Youth Club New Cooking and Sports Equipment	£500.00	£500.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We are a free Youth Club for teenagers to attend. We have a high number of regular attendees and always have new youths wanting to join. We are volunteer run, and depend on grants and donations to fund us. A high number of children who attend are from low income families and are unable to contribute towards the cost. We offer a safe and supervised space for the youth to spend their free time to make friends, take part in activities and develop their social skills. This significantly reduces the likelihood of engaging in risky behaviours. We have a fantastic impact on our local community. A number of our older teen members now volunteer in the Youth Club, leading on activities with the younger members. They gain invaluable skills including, leading groups, public speaking, learning first aid, food hygiene and developing their personal skills including confidence, resilience and work experience. We are a important outlet for our youth members. We provide a supportive atmosphere where young people can express themselves, feel valued and take a break from the pressures of school and family life. Our goal is to provide enjoyable activities that contribute to overall happiness and well-being of our youth members. We like to request funding for sports equipment to enable our teenagers to engage in more free sports activities. We want to encourage teamwork. We would like to purchase equipment for football, basketball and indoor sports activities for the winter. Secondly, we'd like request funding towards cooking equipment to help the children to learn healthy and effective cooking skills. These will both encourage a healthy lifestyle and help to combat issues like obesity and inactivity. These requests have come from our group discussions with the youths themselves.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG2009</a>	Youth Grant	Alderbury Explorer Scout Unit	Upgrading room in old pavillion for explorer scouts	£447.90	£447.90
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We have already done quite a bit of work to the building and have been donated a lot of paint. I estimate we have put in about £700 in volunteer effort and other donations. We are building seating area out of old timber and have fitted a white panel to a wall to make a screen. But there are a few things that will make it more pleasant and usable by the young people. So cushions for the seats, some floor paint, a cheap projector, an extension power cables, some brackets for shelves.</b></p>					

## Background

3. Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.
4. Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:
  - Community Area Grants (capital)
  - Youth Grants (revenue)
  - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

## Main Considerations

6. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

## **Safeguarding Implications**

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

## **Public Health Implications**

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

## **Environmental & Climate Change Implications**

11. Grant funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

## **Financial Implications**

12. Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

## **Legal Implications**

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

## **Workforce Implications**

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

## **Equalities Implications**

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

## **Proposals**

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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